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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF SERBIAN ASSEMBLY CRITICIZES THE RIGHT
OPPOSITION

1. SUMMARY : BORBA MARCH 23 CARRIES REMARKS DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC MADE TO AKTIV OF PETROVAC OPSTINA ON MARCH 20. MARKOVIC DEFINES PREDOMINANT ROLE OF PARTY BUT WARNS OF GOING TOO FAR AND IN PROCESS DESTROYING SELF- MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ITSELF. HE STATES THAT " STALINST FORCES SHOULD NOT BE BEARERS OF TITO LETTER AND RE- SULTANT NEW COURSE FOR PARTY". END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE MARKOVIC' S REMARKS DURING RECENT SPEAKING TOUR AROUND SERBIA HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY, PETROVAC STATE- MENT CONTAINED INTERESTING CRITICISM OF THE POLITICAL RIGHT REPRESENTED BY THOSE WHO WOULD WEAKEN THE SELF- MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF YUGOSLAV SOCIETY BY DENYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO SOCIAL- POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE PARTY.

3. WHILE LABELLING PRINCIPLE " ENEMY" OPPORTUNISM, LIBERALIS., AND TECHNOCRACY", MARKOVIC SAYS " OTHER FLANK" " MUST BE PRO- TECTED AS WELL, ADDS THAT " STALINISTS AND OTHER DOGMATIC FORCES" SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME BEARERS OF THE " LETTER AND OF THE NEW COURSE". LINKING SUCH OPPONENTS WITH THE COMINFORMIST " TRAITORS" OF 1948 AND 1953, MARKOVIC TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DENY
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THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAD EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF SOCIALIST CAMP OR
THAT IT WAS NOW RETURNING TOO I
GATHER WILL BE COMING OUT OF PRINCETON THIS JUNE.

9. SECRETARIAL HELP IS A PROBLEM. IS EDITH AHLES
LEAVING MANILA WITH HANK' S DEPARTURE. THE OTHER
POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE MARILYN JACKSON, WHO RETURNED TO
WASHINGTON RECENTLY TO WORK FOR JOHN JOVA. IF JOHN IS
MOVING OUT, COULD WE GET MARILYN. I WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING PANEL OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES.

10. MY ONLY GENERAL COMMENT ON REFTEL IS THAT I AM
STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT WE CONTINUE PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS
WITHIN THE BUREAU. I KNOW THIS IS ONE POINT ON WHICH
YOU AND I MAY DISAGREE, BUT I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT
THAT NO ONE MENTIONED IS LEAVING THE BUREAU OR IS COMING
INTO THE BUREAU FROM SOME OTHER GEOGRAPHIC OR SUBSTANTIVE
AREA. I DON' T THINK THIS IS GOOD EITHER FOR THE BUREAU
OR FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE.
GODLEY

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